

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 2621

Hisato SHIMA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/518,403

EXAMINER: ONUAKU, CHRISTOPHER

FILED: March 3, 2000

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METHOD THEREOF

**APPLICATION OF PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1308.01 MPEP**

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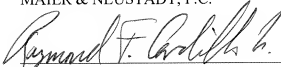
Sir:

The above-identified application was withdrawn from Issue after payment of the Issue Fee in the amount of \$1,400.00. Enclosed is a Credit Card Form in the amount of \$6.00 for two Advance Patent Copies

The application has now been allowed again and since a refund of the previously paid Issue Fee has not been requested, it is now requested that the previously paid Issue Fee be applied to the Issue Fee being paid herewith

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 1, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 5, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 2621 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).